

her friends and family for "gala gatherings." Her five children, 14 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and friends refer to her as "Wild Kate" because of her desire to learn and to try new adventures.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Kate Q. Buxton for reaching this important milestone and recognize her for achievements. Along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 27th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor Kate Buxton and thank her for her many contributions to her family, community and country. I wish "Wild Kate" many more years of happiness, love and adventure.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Chair, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support this amendment to increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). When the Federal government passed SCAAP in 1994, it recognized its responsibility to reimburse states and localities for the arrest, incarceration, and transportation costs associated with criminal aliens.

Unfortunately, this program has been consistently under-funded. This year was not the first time a President proposed no funding for the SCAAP program. Fortunately, the Appropriations Committee allocated \$300 million to the program. While this level is significantly better than zero, it remains \$100 million below the 2009 funding level. Our amendment will provide that additional \$100 million for SCAAP.

Even with \$400 million, states and localities would still only receive reimbursement for a small fraction of what they are spending. This inadequate funding has had a devastating effect on public safety, especially in California and other border states. At a time when many states and counties face budget shortfalls, every dollar reduction in SCAAP reimbursement means one less dollar to spend on essential public safety services. Following SCAAP funding cuts in 2003, the LA County Sheriff's Department was forced to implement a new "early release" policy for inmates convicted of misdemeanors.

From a public safety perspective, it is far better for criminals to serve their full sentences. Without adequate resources, other programs will have to be scaled back or terminated to accomplish this goal. Basic police protection, anti-gang activities, homicide investigations, anti-terrorism activities; and rehabilitation programs to reduce recidivism are programs that could face cuts in California and across the nation if this amendment does not pass.

We introduced this bipartisan amendment to ensure that police chiefs and sheriffs do not

have to choose between keeping our youth out of gangs and incarcerating criminal aliens.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

IN HONOR OF BERNIE EPWORTH

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate an important member of New Jersey's 3rd District, Mr. Bernie Epworth. Mr. Epworth will be installed as the Department Commander for the State of New Jersey Jewish War Veterans at the 78th Annual New Jersey Jewish War Veterans Convention on June 28, 2009. His lifelong activism and dedication has made him one of the most respected members of his community and deserving of this honor.

Mr. Epworth was born in Brooklyn, New York. He is a graduate of New York University and served as a First Lieutenant in the Armored Cavalry and in the New York National Guard. While serving as Vice President with Temple Beth Shalom in Fair Lawn, NJ, Mr. Epworth earned several awards, including the Centennial Award of Honor from the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Jewish Community Relations Council's 'Community Relations Award.'

As the Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 126, Mr. Epworth was named 'Commander of the Year,' while his post was declared "Post of the Year." His dedication to his community also earned him the 'Legion of Honor Award' by the Chapel of Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation in 2006.

Mr. Epworth's career and dedication to his community is a shining example of public service and I sincerely congratulate him on his much deserved installation as Department Commander of the New Jersey Jewish War Veterans.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS Tech account, \$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Auburn, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn, AL 36830

Description of Request: "City of Auburn Mobile Data System" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for a mobile data system for Auburn's Police Division. This consists of in-car com-

puters and associated equipment (routers, wireless networking, e.g.) to equip all of the police vehicles. This request is the continuation of a program for which the City of Auburn received \$400,000 in FY06 and 305,500 in FY08.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP Byrne account, \$360,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Montgomery

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1111, Montgomery, AL 36101

Description of Request: "City of Montgomery and Montgomery County Interoperable Upgrades" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to upgrade and implement an in-car digital video and server solution for City of Montgomery police vehicles and Montgomery County sheriff vehicles. This system will replace outdated VHS systems that are currently in police and sheriff vehicles and provide new installations in vehicles that are currently without a system. The ultimate goal is to have one upgradeable digital in-car system for the entire fleet and a central depository that will provide video evidence for courtroom presentation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP Byrne account, \$900,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama District Attorneys Association Address of Requesting Entity: 515 South Perry Street, Montgomery, AL

Description of Request: "Alabama Computer Forensics Labs" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used for a continuation of the computer forensic lab program which created 3 regional computer labs to cover the entire state of Alabama. These labs were created to address all forms of computer crime such as; child pornography, fraud, murder and identity theft. Currently, we are the only law enforcement agency handling, exclusively, computer crime cases from investigation to prosecution. The computer labs utilize working relationships with federal, state and local agencies across the nation. The labs have made a tremendous impact on computer crime and are enabling local and state law enforcement personnel to utilize yet another tool in the prosecution of criminal activity. Additionally, investigators and prosecutors are also available for instruction and have been enlisted on numerous occasions to speak to the public about internet safety, as well as, train local/state law enforcement on the basics of information sharing, computer crime/digital evidence and multiple courses designed for first responders. Furthermore, since the programs inception in 2006, we have assisted more than 75 plus outside law enforcement agencies and analyzed over 2000 pieces of electronic evidence in approximately 851 criminal cases resulting in a multitude of convictions.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, OJP Byrne account, \$900,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama